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RESPONSE

This is in response to the action mailed January 5, 2001. A request for an appropriate extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 15 and 16.

Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 10 and 11 as follows:

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--1. (Amended) A substantially pure nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 80% identical to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, 3 or 5, and which encodes a polypeptide having a Helios biological activity.

2. (Amended) The nucleic acid of claim 1, comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, 3, or 5.

3. (Amended) A substantially pure nucleic acid which hybridizes under high stringency conditions to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, 3, or 5, and which encodes a polypeptide having a Helios biological activity.

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